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Upcoming Houses

We are very excited about our two homes for sale in Princeton Township. Dickson Development Corporation has acquired two building sites on the Princeton Kingston Road and will begin construction in early spring. We have plans for a fabulous home with a traditional exterior and all of the modern interior design features and finishes desired today. Plans and specifications will be available soon.

We shall also offer to create a unique design for a client through our Custom Home Design & Build Program.

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What's with the Alphabet Soup?

Do you know what CGR or CGB stands for? How about CAPS or AIA? Do letters after the name of an architect, builder or contractor confuse you or do they provide you with useful information?

In fact, these acronyms demonstrate something important: a commitment to professional business practices and project management skills that help ensure quality and a hassle-free experience for clients considering a construction project. Some acronyms can help you identify a builder's specialty. Others indicate a level of third-party support and certification regarding a contractor's ability to complete a project on time and on budget to a client's satisfaction.

Here's a primer on what some of the most common designations mean and why they are a component in the process of selecting the right builder or contractor for your project.

Certified Graduate Builder or Remodeler (CGB/CGR). Offered by the National Association of Home Builders, these certifications result from extensive classroom, correspondence, and job site curriculum regarding all aspects of running a successful building or remodeling operation. The Graduate Master Builder (GMB) program provides even greater depth for the most experienced builders.

Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS). Designed to serve both new and existing homeowners, this certification indicates that the contractor has the knowledge essential to creating and modifying homes that will accommodate changing lifestyle and physical needs as the occupants age.

Richard Dickson has completed the requirements for the Certified Graduate Remodeler designation and after attending a four day conference in St. Louis in March 2007 for Green Building Technology he will receive his certification as a Certified Graduate Builder.

AIA. This designation marks members of the American Institute of Architects, the nation's leading organization for licensed architects. Achieving AIA status requires a degree in architecture as well as practical experience. Licensing includes an extensive test similar to the bar exam for attorneys. Members must adhere to the AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and earn a minimum number of continuing education credits sanctioned by the association in order to maintain membership.

friends who may be looking for a new home in Princeton.

Dickson Development Corporation only uses architectural firms that are AIA certified to prepare the working drawings for our construction projects.

American Institute of Building Design (AIBD). Like AIA, the AIBD is a national organization supporting design professionals, specifically those focused on residential work. AIBD membership affords designers access to the latest business, client relations, and building code information to ensure that their design work meets regulatory standards and are to their clients' satisfaction.

This list is just a smattering of the certifications available to professional builders and contractors who want to enhance their technical and management skills. It should be remembered, however, that such distinctions are neither a shield nor a guarantee. Smart homeowners recognize these acronyms and what they represent, but use them as part of a thorough process of winnowing and selecting the right builder or contractor for their project. In essence, these and other distinctions provide a baseline of professionalism that consumers can rely upon to help ensure a successful construction project.

Warm regards,

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